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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Douglas Coal and Coke Company Clubhouse

other names/site number Chattanooga Iron and Coal Company Clubhouse

2. Location

street & number 512 Mountain View n/a not for publication

city or town Dunlap n/a vicinity

state Tennessee code TN county Sequatchie code 153 zip code 37327

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Herbert L. Hoyer 10/4/96
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer/ Tennessee Historical Commission
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other. (explain) _____

Edson Y. Beall
Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

11-7-96

Entered in the
National Register

Douglas Coal & Coke Co. Clubhouse
Name of Property

Sequatchie Co., Tennessee
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

| Contributing | Noncontributing | |
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| 3 | 1 | buildings |
| | | sites |
| | | structures |
| | | objects |
| 3 | 1 | Total |

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

n/a

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: hotel
SOCIAL: clubhouse
DOMESTIC: secondary structure

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling
DOMESTIC: secondary structure

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Queen Anne

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE/BRICK
walls weatherboard/shingle
STONE
roof ASPHALT
other METAL

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Industry

Period of Significance

circa 1902-1922

Significant Dates

circa 1902

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

n/a

Cultural Affiliation

n/a

Architect/Builder

unknown

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is: N/A

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS): n/a

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

Douglas Coal & Coke Co. Clubhouse
Name of Property

Sequatchie Co., Tennessee
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property approximately 4.3 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Southeast TN Development District date August 1996

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city or town Chattanooga state Tennessee zip code 37405-0757

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Micheal & Carol Confer

street & number 512 Mountain View telephone 423/949-4983

city or town Dunlap state Tennessee zip code 37327

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Sequatchie County, Tennessee

Description

The Douglas Coal and Coke Company Clubhouse in Dunlap (population 3731, 1990 census), Sequatchie County, Tennessee was built circa 1902 to serve as a hotel to visiting company officials and traveling salesmen, and as a recreational facility for the managers of the Company in Dunlap. The building has been used as a private residence since 1922, and is being restored to serve as a residence and bed and breakfast inn.

The clubhouse is located on a four acre town lot adjacent to the Coke Ovens park where the coal company offices and coal processing facilities were located. There is also residential development in the area from after 1922. The clubhouse lot is partially wooded between the building and the neighboring industrial complex. The remainder of the lot is cleared with a gravel driveway, scattered ornamental trees, and a grass lawn.

The clubhouse was built in the Queen Anne style with weatherboard and wood shingle siding, a brick and stone foundation under the body of the house, a porch supported by stone piers with metal sheets between, a complex roof (jerkinhead, bell cast and gable) with modern asphalt shingles, wraparound porch and balcony porches, and a central brick chimney.

The first story of the house is weatherboard, and the second story is staggered shingle. The house has historically been painted red and green, which are the same colors the company used to paint the houses it built. The trim around the wooden windows and the muntins is painted white.

There are wood steps leading to the porch which has paired turned porch posts and railing with paired balusters. There is a balcony porch at the south end of the house with paired supports.

The East (main) facade has 25/1 double hung windows and multi-light stationary windows on the first story. The door is a multi-light, single leaf door with a carved wood screen door. The second story has 25/1 double hung windows with wood screens. The jerkinhead attic dormer has a round head arch attic vent. On the southeast corner of the house there is a bellcast roof with finial over a second story porch.

The south facade has a bay with three 20/1 double hung windows and a row of four multi-light pointed arch stationary windows on the first story. The second story has a multi-light wood door leading onto the second story porch, and two 25/1 double hung windows. There is no railing on the second story porch.

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The west facade has a one story porch with a shed roof. A small circa 1950 addition is on the northwest corner of the facade; that addition was expanded in 1995. The addition is currently sheathed in plywood, but will be sided with weatherboard to match the house. The first story has one 30/1 double hung sash window, a multi-light single leaf door with a wood screen door, and a row of three multi-light casement windows. The second story has two 25/1 double hung sash windows and paired round head arch stationary windows. The shed roof dormer has three lattice attic vents.

The north facade of the house has one 25/1 double hung window on the first story, and five on the second story. Three of the second story windows are in a bay located above the one story porch.

The interior of the building has few alterations. All of the rooms have historic beadboard siding, beadedboard ceilings, and hardwood floors. Most of the walls also have modern fabric on the lower half which replaced original fabric that had deteriorated.

In the living room there are three built in bookcases with diamond pane glass doors. There is an inoperable brick fireplace with brick backing, a segmentally arched stone opening around the covered firebox, and carved wood surrounding the brick. There are exposed ceiling beams and two original five armed light fixtures with milk glass globes. There is a built in window seat in the south end of the room with square carved legs and scroll work ends. The stairs are on the north end of the room. There are two flights of stairs with a landing between. The balustrade is composed of paired turned balusters with a carved rail. There are three carved square newel posts with molding and turned caps ending in balls.

The door opening between the living room and dining room has carved pilasters and transom. There is a brick corner fireplace in the room with brick mantel and coal burning grate. An original five armed light with milk glass globes is in the room.

The kitchen has its original glass front cabinets, corner cabinet and pantry. The cabinet below the sink is also original. The original sink and stove have been removed and replaced with modern appliances. New panelling has been placed over the sink and stove, and the ceiling has been plastered. An island has been built in the middle of the room. The alterations all date from a 1995 remodeling to make the room comply with health codes. The room still retains its beadboard siding on one wall and the wood floor.

Off the kitchen is room which probably originally served as the housekeeper's

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room. This room has plaster walls, wooden floor, and plaster ceiling. The rear addition, which contains a bathroom added circa 1950 and remodeled in 1995, is accessible from this room. The bathroom has painted walls, linoleum floor, and a painted ceiling. All the fixtures in this bathroom are new.

The second floor has a central hallway running north and south. The east side has three bedrooms, and the west side has two bedrooms and a bathroom. The bedrooms and hallway have hardwood floors, fabric and beadboard siding, and beadboard ceilings. The doors are four panel with wood casings. No original light fixtures remain on this story.

The central hallway has horizontal boards instead of diagonal beadboard. These boards were wallpapered circa 1950. Most of the wallpaper is missing, and the remainder is falling off the walls. At the south end of the hall is a window seat which has carved square legs and scrolled sides.

The room in the southeast corner has a door onto the balcony porch and a built in window seat which is identical to the others in the house. It has a connecting door to the adjacent room and an original closet.

The room on the southwest corner has the only second story fireplace, a brick corner fireplace with a coal burning grate and a carved wood mantel with carved pilasters.

The bathroom walls are tile and beadboard which has been painted white. The floor has a marbled pattern vinyl covering. The bathroom was remodeled in the 1950s. The fixtures currently in the room are new with the exception of the bathtub which was previously located in the downstairs bathroom.

There are three outbuildings on the property. One is a modern mobile home which does not contribute to the significance of the property. There are two historic storage buildings that do contribute to the significance of the property. One is a circa 1902 stone building with corrugated metal gable roof, stone foundation, and rectangular plan. There are two wooden doors into the building and a six pane window. The second outbuilding is a shed with rectangular plan, stone foundation and siding constructed circa 1902. This shed has an asphalt shingle gable roof, one wooden door and no windows.

The house is currently undergoing renovation. The work has included modernizing the kitchen and bathrooms to comply with health codes. Windows have been repaired whenever possible, but two have been replaced with identical wooden windows which match the originals in size and light pattern. The exterior renovations have included repairing the porch foundation and

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replacing the sills. The porch railings and stairs, which had been replaced with circa 1950 designs, were recreated from historic photographs. None of the renovations have caused a significant loss of original building fabric and do not jeopardize the integrity of the building.

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Sequatchie County, Tennessee

Significance

The Douglas Coal and Coke Company Clubhouse in Dunlap, Sequatchie County, Tennessee is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under criteria A and C for local significance in industry and architecture. The clubhouse is one of the few remaining resources in the community reflecting the growth of the coal mining and coke smelting industry in Dunlap. The only other remaining intact resource are the Dunlap Coke Ovens (listed on the National Register of Historic Places on July 5, 1985). The clubhouse represents the non-industrial buildings which were part of the community. The building was built to serve as a hotel for company officials and salesmen who traveled to Dunlap. The clubhouse is significant to the coal industry in Dunlap because it was used by the officials as a hotel, and represents the importance of companies not based in Dunlap. The clubhouse is also architecturally significant as the only example of the Queen Anne style building in Dunlap, and as the most architecturally ornamented building in the community. A 1988-89 survey of Sequatchie County did not locate any extant houses or buildings, other than the clubhouse, associated with the coal industry.

Dunlap is located in the Sequatchie Valley, an area first settled for its farmland. A farming town, named Coops Creek, developed along the Sequatchie River. After Sequatchie County was formed in 1857 the town was renamed Dunlap and was made the county seat. Farming remained the primary industry in the area because of difficulties in shipping goods out of the valley. The roads across Walden's Ridge to the east and the Cumberland Plateau on the west were difficult to travel. The railroads arrived in 1888 which opened the area to growth.

Despite shipping problems coal mining had occurred in the county prior to the development of the railroad. The Sewanee Mining Company had begun production in 1852. It was sold to the Tennessee Coal and Railway Company in 1860 which provided coal to the Confederate Army during the Civil War. After the war production continued until the end of the 19th century, but on a small scale.

In 1902 the Douglas Coal and Coke Company announced plans to build coke ovens near Dunlap to convert the soft coal into coke required by the steel industry. Between 1902 and 1905 Douglas developed fifty beehive coke ovens and coal mines, and built a commissary, clubhouse, residential area, hotels, and an incline railway. The company provided the first non-farm employment for many.

In 1905 the Douglas Coal and Coke Company holdings were purchased by the

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Chattanooga Iron and Coal Company which continued operation until 1922. The Chattanooga Iron and Coal Company operated the mines and the coke ovens through the boom years of World War I. Following World War I the demand for coal products decreased, and the coal industry across Tennessee entered a slump. Many companies ceased production in the 1920s including the Chattanooga Iron and Coal Company mines in Dunlap. Small scale mining has continued to occur in Sequatchie County, but coke production never resumed. The Chattanooga Iron and Coal Company continued to use the clubhouse as a hotel since they also were not a local company.

The houses built by the coal company workers were simple four room houses with a porch. There were two distinct sets of these houses; one set was painted green and was known as Green Town, and the other set was painted red and known as Red Town. These houses were built between 1902 and 1905. It is unknown how many houses the company built, but the company built communities had over 700 residents. None of the houses built by the company are extant. The coal company town of Dunlap was separate from the non-company town of Dunlap. After coal company closed the towns grew together and became a single town.

In Dunlap houses built near the time of the clubhouse are simple Colonial Revival houses with minimal detailing. These houses mix the Queen Anne form and porches with the stylistic details associated with the Colonial Revival such as gable returns, classical porch supports, and dentil moldings. The public and commercial buildings built at the same time also reflect the Colonial Revival style.

Because the other building occurring at the time the clubhouse was built was in the Colonial Revival style, the clubhouse has always been an architectural landmark. It is distinctive because of its Queen Anne details such as the wraparound porches, multiple siding materials, multiple window configurations, and complicated roof line. The building has always been architecturally distinct in the community, and is significant to the architectural history because of it.

The clubhouse is a local landmark because of its size, location next to the coke ovens, and architectural ornamentation. It represents the industrial history of the community and is one of the few surviving resources associated with the coal company. It is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places because of its associations with the coal company and for its architectural distinctness.

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Boundary Description and Justification

The Douglas Coal and Coke Company Clubhouse is identified on the enclosed Dunlap, Sequatchie County tax map 48-D as batch "L" lot 1.03 containing 4.3 acres of land.

This is the land historically associated with the clubhouse property.

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Douglas Coal & Coke Co. Clubhouse
Dunlap, Sequatchie County, Tennessee
Date: May 1996
Photos by: Karen L. Daniels
Neg: Tennessee Historical Commission, Nashville, Tennessee

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Main (East) facade

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South facade and outbuilding 1

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South facade

4 of 24

West facade

5 of 24

North facade

6 of 24

Porch across main facade

7 of 24

Screen door at entry

8 of 24

Staircase in living room

9 of 24

Build in bookcases in living room

10 of 24

Fireplace in living room

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Doorway between living room and dining room

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Built in window seat in dining room

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Fireplace in dining room

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Kitchen

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Staircase from second floor

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Hallway, second floor

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Bathroom, second floor

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Bedroom

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Outbuilding 1

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Outbuilding 1

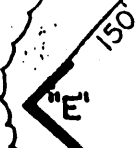
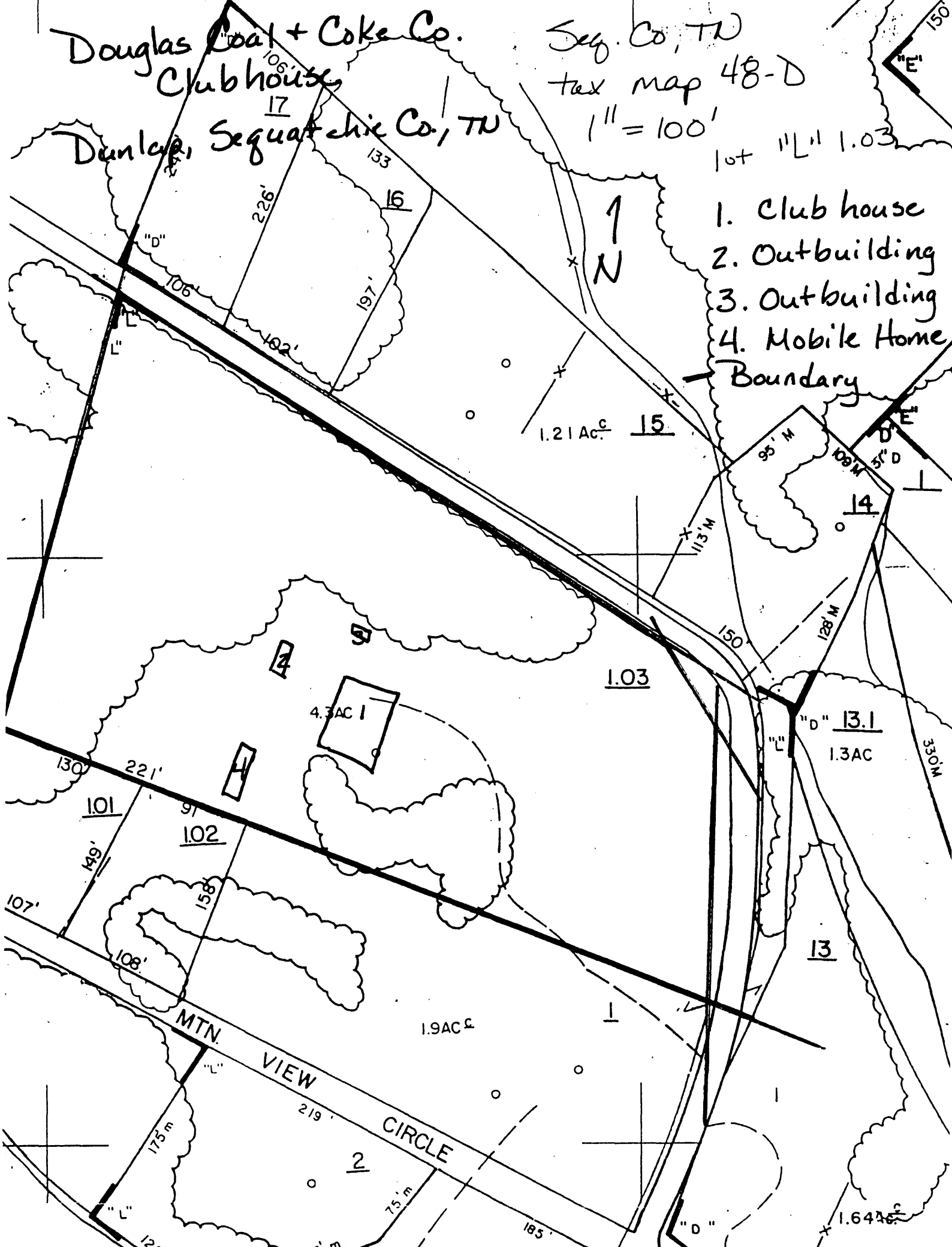
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Outbuilding 2

Douglas Coal + Coke Co.
 Clubhouse
 Dunlap, Sequatchie Co, TN

Seq. Co, TN
 tax map 48-D
 1" = 100'

lot "L" 1.03

1. Club house
 2. Outbuilding
 3. Outbuilding
 4. Mobile Home
- Boundary



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